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Investment in Cold Chains

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and value of investment proposals received and approved by the Government for setting up of cold chains in the country after the revised guidelines for the Eleventh Five Year Plan came into effect, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number and value of foreign direct investment proposals received in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to attract greater investment for setting up of cold chains and if so and the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): The revised guidelines for the Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for the Eleventh Five Year Plan came into effect from 18.03.2010. Year-wise and State-wise details of number and value of investment proposals approved by Ministry of Food Processing Industries under these revised guidelines is at Annexure-I.

(b): The Ministry has not received any proposal for foreign direct investment under the above said scheme.

(c): To attract investment in cold chain infrastructure, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09. The scheme has provision for providing financial assistance for setting up of integrated cold chain infrastructure for arresting post harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce. The scheme is primarily private sector driven wherein financial assistance @ 50% of the total cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for NE region and difficult areas (North Eastern states, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs 10 crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure in the country. Integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by individuals, groups of entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, Central/State PSUs, etc.

In addition, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India are also providing assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes. Various other incentives provided by the Government to promote this sector are at Annexure-II.
